# Nahnu Anşārullāh



Dear Ansar brothers,

Our beloved Ḥuḍūr, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V<sup>aa</sup>, while delivering the concluding address of the 38<sup>th</sup> Majlis Anṣārullāh UK on September 12, 2021, stated:

"You can only truly be called 'Anṣārullāh' when you answer the call of the Imām of this Age, the appointed one of God, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi (may peace be upon him), and are not just Anṣārullāh by name."

This address is a great reminder for all of us as our beloved Ḥuḍūraa explained that living up to the pledge of Anṣārullāh and being true helpers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) requires self-assessment and a great reformation of one's individual state.

In this regard, his Holiness Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Vaa said:

"In order to fulfil our pledges of being Anṣārullāh, and in order to be the true helpers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), in the completion of this great and far-reaching work, we must enter the field with purpose and endeavour. Only then can we be true Anṣārullāh. Mere verbal claims of being so are hollow and meaningless. Rather, we must reflect upon our actual state. The task of propagating the message of Islām to the corners of the Earth is no easy feat. For this we must deepen our relationship with God, increase the standards of our righteousness, strive to increase our knowledge and endeavour to live our lives in accordance with the commandments of Allah the Almighty."

During the address, our beloved Ḥuḍūr<sup>aa</sup> also reminded the members of Anṣārullāh to study the Holy Qur'ān to ascertain the commandments and prohibitions set out by Allah the Almighty. His Holiness reminded members of Majlis Anṣārullāh about the importance of spreading the message of Islām and of availing the opportunities and freedoms given by the law in the country to do so, especially considering the restrictions faced by Ahmadī Muslims in certain other countries of the world.

Speaking on this, his Holiness Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Vaa said:

"Thus, those people who are living freely in these countries who have the opportunity to peacefully spread Islām should strive to do so to an even greater extent than before and prove by their own actions that Islām is that true religion that can bring the world to the right path and that can deliver it to salvation."

Dear Anṣār brothers, considering the words of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Vaa, it is our duty to fervently engage in prayer, read and understand the holy Qur'ān, indulge in spreading the true Islām and understand that the essence of life itself is mindful and heart felt prayer to Allah the Almighty where one prays as if he is seeing God, or at least as if God is seeing him. It is only then we can call ourselves Anṣārullāh. May Allah the Exalted enable us to be the true helpers of Allah, Āmīn!

Safi Rajput Editor

# Nahnu Anşārullāh

An Educational and Spiritual Publication of Majlis Anşārullāh - Canada

Apr - Jun 2022 (Vol 23, Issue 2)

# ONTENTS

1 — Holy Qur'ān

**2** — Hadīth

**3** — A prayer of The Promised Messiah

4 — The Prophet Muhammad , as the purifier

8 — Our beloved Ḥuḍūraa and Cycling

**11** — The importance of Taʻlīm examinations under Qʻiādat Taʻlīm

**14** — Report – Virtual Jalsa Khilāfat

**15** — Report – Refresher Course 2022



Supervision Abdul Hameed Waraich Sadr Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada Editor In-chief Sanaullah Khan Na'ib Sadr Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada Editor Safi Rajput

Editorial Assistant Masood Ahmed Na'ib Qā'id Ishā'at

Layout & Graphics Masood Ahmed Na'ib Qā'id Ishā'at Manager Shafiq Ahmed Khan Qā'id Ishā'at

# THE HOLY QUR'ĀN

قُلُ ٱطِيْعُوا الله وَٱطِيْعُوا الرَّسُولَ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُبِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمُ مَّا حُبِّلُةُ مُ وَإِنْ تُطِيْعُونُ لَا تُعْدَدُوا السَّلِحُ اللهُ النَّذِينَ المَنُوا مِنْكُمُ وَعَبِلُوا السَّلِحُ تَهُ تَكُوا أَنْ وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ الْبُبِينُ ﴿ وَعَدَاللهُ النَّذِينَ المَنُوا مِنْكُمُ وَعَبِلُوا السَّلِحُ تَعَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ الْبُبِينُ ﴿ وَعَدَاللهُ النَّذِينَ المَنْ اللهُ النَّذِينَ المَنْ اللهُ النَّذِينَ المَنْ اللهُ ا

Say, 'Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger.' But if you turn away, then upon him is his burden, and upon you is your burden. And if you obey him, you will be rightly guided. And the messenger is not responsible but for the plain delivery of the Message.

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious.

And observe Prayer and give the Zakāt and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy.

(Chapter 24, An-Nūr, Verses 55 to 57)

# **HADĪTH**

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةً ، قَالَ : قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ؛ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَالَ ؛

"مَنْ عَادَى لِى وَلِيًّا فَقَدُ آذَنْتُهُ بِالْحَمْبِ، وَمَا تَقَرَّبَ إِلَىَّ عَبُدِى بِشَى ءٍ أَحَبَّ إِلَىَّ مِثَاا فُتَرَضْتُ عَلَيْهِ، وَمَا يَزَالُ عَبُدِى يَشَمَ عُ أَنْ وَيَكَ هُ النَّوَ وَيَكَ هُ الْفَوْمِ وَيَكَ هُ الْمَوْمِ وَيَكُمُ الْمَوْتَ، وَأَنَا أَكُمَ هُ مَسَاءَتَهُ"

اللَّتِي يَبُطِشُ بِهَا، وَرِجُلَهُ الَّتِي يَبُشِى بِهَا، وَإِنْ سَأَلَنِي لَا عُطِينَتُهُ وَلَيِنَ الشَّتَعَاذَ فِي لاَعِينَ نَكُهُ وَمَا تَرَدَّدُتُ عَنْ شَيْءٍ اللَّهِ مِنْ يَكُمَ اللَّهُ وَمِن يَكُمَ اللَّهُ وَمِن يَكُمَ الْمَوْمِ وَمَا الْمُؤْمِنِ وَكُمْ مَسَاءَتَهُ"

Narrated by Ḥaḍrat Abu Hurairah, Allah be pleased with him, said the Holy Prophet of Allah, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him:

#### Allah says:

"Whoever is at enmity with one whom I befriend should beware of having to do battle with Me. When a servant of Mine seeks to approach Me through that which I like best out of what I have made obligatory upon him and continues to advance towards Me by dint of voluntary effort beyond that prescribed then I begin to love him. When I love him, I become his ears by which he hears, and his eyes with which he sees, and his hands with which he grasps, and his feet with which he walks. When he asks Me, I bestow upon him and when he seeks My protection, I protect him and I do not hesitate to do anything as I hesitate to take the soul of the believer, for he hates death, and I hate to disappoint him."

(Ṣahīh Al-Bukhāri, Kitāb Al-Riqāq,— Ḥadīth No. 6502)

#### A PRAYER OF THE PROMISED MESSIAHAS

Spectacle of the Promised Messiahas, that he desired to witness in all of us



What shall I do, where shall I find the words that should move the hearts of this people (Ahmadiyya Community). Lord, vouchsafe to me the words and reveal to me the speech which should illuminate their hearts and like an antidote rid them of their poison. My soul is all fevered with eagerness to witness the day when I should find that my community is largely composed of people who have truly forsaken lying and who have entered into a sincere covenant with their God to safeguard themselves against every evil and shall withdraw altogether from arrogance which is the root of all evil and shall pass their lives in the fear of their Lord.

I pray and I shall continue to do so to the last breath of my life; Allah may purify the hearts of this community of mine; that He may extend His hand of mercy and turn their hearts in His direction. May He lift all mischief and rancour from their hearts and grant them true and genuine love for one another. I am convinced that my prayer will be accepted, and that God will not permit my supplication to be in vain.

(Majmu'ā Ishtahārāt Vol. 01, Page 445)

# THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (ﷺ) AS THE PURIFIER

Mahmood Asghar, Peace Village

Who can explain this great topic better than Allah, the Almighty, the Creator, the All-Knowing, the Fashioner, the Merciful, the Bestower, and above all, Worthy of all the praise? He says in verse 3 of chapter 62 (Al- Jumu'ah) of the Holy Qur'ān:

هُوَالَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّنَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمُ يَتُلُوا عَلَيْهِمُ الْيَتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيْهِمُ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْحِتْبَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَانْ كَانُوْا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِئ ضَلْلِ مُّبِيْنٍ ﴿

"He it is Who has raised among the Unlettered people a Messenger from among themselves who recites unto them His Signs, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom, although they had been, before, in the manifest misguidance."

People of Arabia at the time of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, were unlettered, ignorant, and at the lowest of human character, or in other words, they had fallen in a ditch of moral darkness. Gambling, cheating, lying, fornication without any regard to the sanctity of blood relations, bloodshed, and burying their own daughters alive were their everyday norms. All this had happened to them because of ignoring and throwing away the teachings of earlier prophets of God. The first House of God that was built and employed for His worship was in the heart of their civilization, Mecca. That Sacred House was rebuilt by the great grandfather of prophets, Abraham, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, who had also brought a holy scripture to them for teaching them to worship only One God, Allah, and to prefer Allah and His commandments over the pleasure

and leisure of the life of this world, as told by Allah, the Wise, the Lord, and the Most High, in verses17 to 20 of chapter 87 (Al-A'la) of the Holy Qur'ān in these words:

بَلُ تُؤُثِرُوْنَ الْحَيْوةَ اللَّانَيَا ﴿
وَالْاَخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ وَّابَقٰى ﴿
وَالْاَخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ وَّابَقٰى ﴿
اللَّهُ عُفِ النَّهُ عُفِ الْاُولَى ﴿
وَهُ مُولِى ﴿
الْبُرْهِيْمَ وَمُولِى ﴿
وَالْمُولِى ﴿
وَالْمُولِى ﴿

"But you prefer the life of this world, whereas the hereafter is better and more lasting. This indeed is what is taught in the former scriptures - the scriptures of Abraham and Moses."

The people of Arabia not only immersed themselves in the worldly pursuits and evils, but also erected three hundred and sixty idols in that Holy House that was built for the worship of One and Only One God, Allah, the real and Only One worthy of worship. They were so bad and uncouth that even the great empires of those times, the Persian empire in the east and the Roman empire in the west, who were always hungry and in search of conquering and controlling different parts of the earth in their neighborhood, did not consider these worst of the creatures to take under their sway.

#### A Revolution That The Humanity Has Never Seen Since Its Inception And Would Not See Till Its End

How powerful and true are the words of the Promised Messiah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon this perfect servant of the Holy Prophet (\*), regarding the revolution that took place in the desert of Arabia that

purified the most impure people of Arabia into such purest ones that the secrets of divine truth started flowing out from their tongues. He writes in his book Barakāt-ud-Du'ā (blessings of prayer), on pages 10-11, and that have been translated into English, and I quote:

"Have you any notion what was the strange event that occurred in the desert country of Arabia when hundreds of thousands of the dead were revived within a brief period and those who had been misguided through generations put on Divine color, and those who were blind obtained sight, and those who had been dumb began to speak of the understanding of the Divine, and the world underwent a revolution which had never been seen or heard of before? It was the supplications during dark nights of one who had lost himself in God which raised a clamor in the world. and manifested such wonders as appeared impossible in the case of that unlearned helpless one. Send down Thy blessings and peace, O Allah, on him and his people according to the amount of pain and anguish he felt for his Ummah, and pour down upon him the lights of Thy mercy forever."

The Purifier, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, Purifying a Person From His/Her Conception to Death

It is amazing that the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, starts purifying a person even before his/her conception. He does so by advising a believer to have a sexual relationship with a

pious consort, after getting legally married, as per injunction of the Holy Our'an. Then they both are advised to begin everything in the name of Allah, Who is the Most Gracious, and Ever-Merciful. In this way the conception of a new human life becomes a pure and blessed one. Similarly, when this new life is in the womb, the mother who is living her life under the commandments of Allah, given to her by this great prophet, the purifier, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, offers Salāt (five daily obligatory prayers) and recites the Holy Qur'an every day and fears and loves Allah day in and day out, this all fashions the new life evolving in her womb into a pure baby.

Holy is Allah, the Most Giving and Most Merciful, with all His praise and His grandeur, and His blessings and peace be upon His Holy Prophet, upon whose advice, when the baby is born and begins life, still not independent but as an individual, he/she is cleansed in the name of his/her Creator. Then a call to prayer, Adhān, is called in his/ her right ear, and then the readiness words, Takbīr, for the Salāt, are called in his/her left ear. Those who know both Adhān and Takbīr can testify to the fact that they both are the great purifying divine spells that are uttered into the ears of this newborn. Thus, a pure foundation of life is supported by a great driving force of Read Only Memory (ROM in computer jargon) set of instructions that will keep guiding this individual at the time of each test that he/ she has to face at the hands of evil that is always out there in life and in the world.

The baby grows up into a child, and to the teenage, watches his/her parents and others around him performing ablution, offering Ṣalāt,

and fighting evil inclinations with Ta'awwuz, Tasmiyya, and Istighfar, copies his/her parents and elders in doing these good deeds, learns and recites the Holy Qur'an, prayers, and advances in Salāt, and starts actively purifying himself/herself. A teenager finds a lot happening around him/her, he/she begins understanding the worldly things and attractions, wealth, food, needs and wants, puberty and sexual desires, along with realization of beauty, and satisfaction in fulfilling sexual desires. These are the real things that present a challenge to him/her at every step of life. Satan uses all of them as baits to allure him/her to fall prey to him. The tendency of his/her soul to incline to these attractions becomes hard to resist. However, all the religious, spiritual and moral tools (the Holy Qur'ān, Şalāt, prayers, Dārud, and Istighfar and performing good deeds) to connect to Allah and earn His pleasure that he/ she received from his/her holv master, Hadrat Muhammad, the chosen one, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, come handy and helps him/her fight all those satanic attacks.

To avoid all those evils, he/she keeps himself/herself busy in Salāt, prayers, Dāruḍ, reciting the Holy Qur'an, acting upon the teachings of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, rejecting the evil desires and inclinations, finding ways to enjoy those worldly blessings according to Allah's will, guarding his/her gazes from seeing and his private parts from engaging in attractive or enticing things that are not allowed by Allah, he/she is blessed with a good consort through Nikāh, wealth through working for a job or a business. Above all he/she is blessed with Allah's love. He/she increases in his spiritual pursuits, as his/her Holy Master, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and attains a satisfied soul that is satisfied and happy with His Lord, God, the Almighty and Provider. That is what this great prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was told by Allah, the Exalted, and this is what this Purifier of humanity, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, conveyed to those individuals who drank from this purifying spring to their full, in verses 28 to 31 of chapter 89, Surah Al-Fajr:

يَّايَّتُهَا النَّفُسُ الْمُطْمَعِنَّةُ ﷺ الْجِعِنَ الله رَبِّكِ رَاضِيَةً مَّرْضِيَّةً ﴿ فَالْأَخْلِىٰ فِىٰ عِلْمِىٰ ۚ وَادْخُلِىٰ جَنَّتِىٰ ۚ

"And thou, O soul at peace! Return to thy Lord well pleased with Him and He well pleased with thee. So enter thou among My chosen servants, And enter thou My Garden (paradise)."

## The Supreme Purifier and His Supreme Purifying Tools

Allah, the Holy One, the Exalted, Ever-Merciful, revealed the Holy Qur'ān to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, because He chose him, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, to carry this great burden of purifying humanity. Allah, the Most High, says in verse 22, chapter 59 (Surah Al-Hashr):

كُوْاَنُوْلْنَا هٰذَا الْقُنُ انْ عَلَى جَبَلِ لَّرَايُتَهُ خَاشِعًا مُّتَصَدِّعًا مِّنَ لَكُوْلُونَ الْأَمْثَالُ فَضُرِبُهَ الِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّمُ وْنَ عَلَى الْأَمْثَالُ فَضُرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّمُ وْنَ عَلَى

"If We had sent down this Qur'an on a mountain, thou wouldst certainly have seen it humbled and rent asunder for fear of Allah. And these are similitudes that We set forth for mankind that they may reflect."

Now, if Allah, the Exalted, had selected him for this great task of purifying humanity, did he leave him without the tools to execute this supreme responsibility? The answer is No, because He provided him with a large stock of tools, assembled in the Holy Our'an. The biggest, yet the easiest, of these tools to purify humanity is the opening chapter, Surah Al-Fātīhā, of the Holy Qur'an that is the loveliest purifying spiritual spell blessed to humanity through the holiest purifier, which human history has ever known of. Who can think of missing to recite this mesmerizing spell in his/her days and nights? No one except the most unfortunate one. Here is the spell to adorn my current treatise, and to let the reader experience the sublime and supreme ecstasy:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْلُنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ﴿ اَلْحَدُهُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعُلَمِيْنَ ۚ ﴿ الرَّحْلُنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ۚ ﴿ مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الرِّيْنِ ۚ ﴿ الرَّحْلُنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ۗ ﴿ مُلِكِ يَوْمِ الرِّيْنِ ۚ ﴿ الرَّاكَ نَعْبُهُ وَالْيَاكَ نَعْبُهُ وَالْمَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيْمَ فَلَا الصِّمَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيْمَ فَيْدِ مِرَاطَ الَّذِيْنَ الْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ أَفَى الْمُعْنُونِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّيْنَ ۚ ﴿ المَّالِّيْنَ الْمُعْفُونِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِيْنَ ۚ ﴿ الْمُعْفُونِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِيْنَ ۚ ﴿ اللَّهِ الْمُعْنَا فَيْ الْمُعْفُونِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِيْنَ ۚ ﴿ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الْمُعْفُونِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِيْنَ ۚ ﴿ الْمُعْفُونِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِيْنَ ۚ ﴿ الْمُعْتَلُومِ اللَّهُ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْفَى الْمُعْفَى الْمُعْفَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْفَى الْمُعْفَى الْمُعْفَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْمَالِقُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِيْنَ ۚ فَيْ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمِلْمُ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْعُلْمِيمُ الْمُعْلَى الْمِلْمِ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلَى الْمِلْمِ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلِيمِ الْمُعْلِيقِيمَ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلِمِي الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِيمِ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلَى الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمِعْلَى الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمِعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمُ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمِعْلَى الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ الْمُعْلِمِ ال

"In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds

The Gracious, the Merciful

Master of the Day of Judgment

Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help

Guide us in the right path -

The path of those on whom Thou hast Bestowed Thy blessings,

Those who have not incurred The displeasure, and those Who have not gone astray" Holy is He, Who gave this Surah to our Holiest Master, peace and blessings of Allah be upon, and who transferred this to all humanity with great love. How can we pay respect and gratitude to Allah, the Exalted, and to the greatest and the most loving prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, for this great blessing? Yes, however, we can recite this Surah as much as we can and immerse ourselves into it completely and invoke Dārud Shareef, prayer and supplication for our holy prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, as much as we can, along with following his instructions and advice throughout our life.

Look at the beauty and awe and power of this great purifier and prophet that Allah Himself told him to say to the believers in particular and humanity in general, in verse 32 of chapter 3, Āl-e-`Imrān, of the Holy Qur'ān:

قُلُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللهُ فَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿

"Say, 'If you love Allah, follow me:Then will Allah love you and forgive you your faults. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful".

God forbid, it is not like many Christians believe that you keep doing sins and keep living an impure life, but believe in Jesus, peace be upon him, as the son of God, again God forbid, and your sins will be forgiven. Unlike this illogical belief and reasoning that these predominantly Christian governments don't even act upon while running their countries through laws (for example a violator of traffic rules is fined and other criminals are jailed or penalized according to their crimes), this holy purifier, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, advised the humanity to follow him in all walks of life. He advised them to follow his words and copy his actions in the matters related to household,

relationship with the neighbors and community, dealing with people of other faiths, treating people and their places of worship, keeping relationship with other communities countries, running governments, and above all pursuing the faith to attain Allah's love. To purify a person of sins, he advised them to do Istighfar, seek forgiveness of Allah, and told them that Allah is the most and ever Forgiving. However, to purify a society, a country, or the world, of crimes and hurtful actions, he introduced and advised to adhere to a system of retribution, punishment, and correction.

#### **Personal and Divine Testimonies**

How can a claim be true, if there is no testimony or evidence for the truth of that claim? Therefore, when we seek the testimony for the proof of the claim that the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, is the purifier of humanity, we find mountains of proofs that can lead a seeker of truth to the ultimate truth, Allah, the Most Loving and Caring. The entire Arabia was purified at his time, uncountable saints and friends of Allah were witnessed by the centuries that followed, and eventually the latter days of the fourteenth century witnessed the Promised Messiah as and Leader of Guidance, who was guided by none but Allah Himself. He said that whatever he was blessed with (communion and dialogue with Allah, the Exalted, and the status of an obedient and follower prophet and guide) was because of being a follower and lover of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, he added, otherwise even if his deeds were equal to a mountain, they would have been rejected. This means that there is no purifier, except the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

Finally, I would humbly present myself as a witness. Though, I was an Ahmadī Muslim, by birth, which meant nothing, if I indulged in worldly pursuits and pleasures only. I loved listening to music and songs so much that I used to have a collection of around one thousand songs and musicals in my car and at home. After falling in love with this purifier and drinking from his spring, all those songs were replaced by the amazing poems of the Promised Messiah and his successors, may peace and mercy of Allah be upon all of them. Finally, even they have been replaced, most of لاالدالاالله،الحيديله the time, with سبحان الله وبحمد لاسبحان الله العظيم and with Dārud:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَبِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ،

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكَ عَلَى مُحَتَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَتَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَبِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

I forgot to mention about the compulsory and optional fasting and paying of Zakāt, the alms and charity, that were granted to humanity through this great purifier. The fasts purify the body from head to toe and the soul to its deepest depth and present it in front of its Creator. Similarly, paying off alms and charity (Zakāt), purify all the worldly gains that a person might have, so that they don't cause him/her to deviate from the right path that leads to our Creator.

Continuing the description of testimonies to the truth under discussion, I, apart from witnessing thousands of others around me, bear witness that I have personally, received many blessings of purification of soul and body, vouchsafed to me through our holiest and dearest prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. They include, among many

other things, meeting the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh the fourth, may Allah have mercy on him, and our present Khalīfa, may Allah be his helper all the time and at each step, in dreams that are still fresh in my mind and memories and provide me with fresh taste and pleasure all the time. Moreover, I think about my next proof of benefitting from this great purifier, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. I lived in Pakistan for 38 years and realized that I could not go to Mecca for performing Haji and visit my dearest and the holiest, and his city, Medina. However, during the days of Hajj, I used to cry a lot while praying to Allah, in solitude, visualizing that I was circuiting the Kaaba and recite as much as I could:

> كَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ، لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ، إِنَّ الْحَمْلَ، وَالنِّعْمَةَ، لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ، لاَشَيكَ لَكَ

In 1996, when Allah, the Exalted, showed me the door of immigration to Canada, I prayed to Him to let me enter Canada through this door of immigration, so that I would be able to visit His House and His Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. He listened to my prayers and blessed me and immigrated me to Canada, in 1998. The struggle of survival continued for years, but the desire remained very warm, until it became so red hot that a friend of mine saw me, in his dream, circuiting the Holy Kā'bā, and I saw myself, in my dream, spending a lot of time praying in the Mosque of the Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Eventually, this poor, sinful, and worthless being was blessed with the means that had seemed impossible to me in the past. I received the visas for my wife and myself for performing Hajj.

By the sheer mercy of our dear Lord!

We arrived in the holy Medina and spent four days in the city and the Mosque of the Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. All my tears flowed out until I was left with none. Next, we were made to pass through the same process and path, which my dear Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, had followed for intending for Haji, dressing for Haji, travelling for Haji, and then performing the Hajj. I still could not believe that I would see that House of Allah, until I really arrived there and saw it for the first time. Oh my dear Lord! Now what would I do? Fortunately, I remembered the prayer of my very dear Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh, the first Khalīfa, may Allah be pleased with him, which I offered to Our Merciful Creator. I could not kiss the Stone, Hair-e-Aswad, due to a lot of rush and my health problems at the time of Hajj, however I kissed it many times from some distance, being in its line of sight. I also hugged the wall of Holy Kā'bā, touching it with my full body, with hands stretched, and staying there as long as I could stay in that position. When the time of departure came, I was away from the Kaaba and the time was running out. Finding no choice, I hugged and kissed Magām-e-Ibrāhīm, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

After Hajj, there is no desire left. Though, life is still going on with its ever-present challenges, which I have to live with, yet I am waiting for the Call of my Lord. Oh Allah, please call me in a state of Islām and faith, when You have forgiven me and purified me, for my love of that Great Purifier. Amen.

I end this treatise with the prayer that all praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds.

## OUR BELOVED ḤUĐŪR<sup>AA</sup> AND CYCLING

Dr. Tauseef Ahmad Khan, Milton East



Cycling is a healthy activity and one of the best forms of exercise. It is also the cheapest form of mechanical transport while being eight times faster than walking. The holy Caliphs of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at have always encouraged physical fitness in accordance with the Ḥadīth of the Holy Prophetsa which states:

"A strong believer is better and is more lovable to Allah than a weak believer" (Sahīh Al-Muslim, 2664)

Therefore, to become a strong believer the activities Ḥuḍūraa has promoted have included walking, playing sports and cycling. Through this article, I would like to present few brief quotes by our beloved Ḥuḍūraa regarding the importance of taking up cycling as a healthy activity.

#### Ḥuḍūraa as a cyclist

Abid Khan Ṣāḥib relates in his diary that on October 10, 2015 during Ḥuḍūr's tour of Holland, Ḥuḍūr<sup>aa</sup> cycled in the morning with security team and other members of the Qāflā (convoy) Abid Khan Ṣāḥib relates that Ḥuḍūr<sup>aa</sup> was at the front, followed, a few metres behind, by his security team and then the rest of us. It felt

like we were a proper cycling peloton being led by Khalīfatul Masīḥ!

Ḥuḍūraa rode at a very good speed and without pause or break continued to cycle, past Nunspeet lake and through the Dutch countryside. Abid Sāḥib describes that Ḥuḍūraa cycled with complete balance and in a very relaxed way. Sometimes Ḥuḍūraa would even cycle one-handed. Ḥuḍūraa changed gears when needed, for example where the track was uphill. Ḥuḍūraa cycled a total of 6.4 miles [10.3 km] that day. During the tour each day after Fajr, Ḥuḍūr would go out cycling. [1]

## Our beloved Ḥuḍūr<sup>aa</sup> using exercise bike at home

In the Friday sermon of July 22, 2016, our beloved Hudūr<sup>aa</sup> said:

"We need healthy and active Missionaries and Murabbiān. Therefore, they should take care of their health and should not be ignoring this important aspect of healthy living in order to perform their duties in the best possible manner.

I am not advising Jamā'at members only, I personally exercise regularly on the exercise cycle/other machines and Allah Almighty is enabling me to continue it on a regular basis." [2]

Abid Khan Ṣāḥib, in his diary in context of giving instructions to two missionaries of Canada to start exercising to become physically fit, writes that it is worth noting that Ḥuḍūr never asks others to do things he himself does not follow. Thus, despite his relentless schedule, Ḥuḍūr finds the time to cycle indoors in his home most days after Fajr. [3]

# Members of Majlis Anṣārullāh should be physically active and ride bicycles

Speaking about the importance of keeping the members of Majlis Anṣārullāh physically active, Ḥuḍūr said in a virtual meeting with Majlis Anṣārullāh Bangladesh:

"Those Anṣār (elders) who have cycles should use them daily. Instead of using cars and buses and other things it is better that the younger members of Majlis Anṣārullāh (Saf Dom) use cycles to travel to their workplaces if possible or at other times, for some exercise." [4]

In another meeting with Majlis Anṣārullāh of Switzerland, Ḥuḍūraa encouraged members of Majlis Anṣārullāh to become more physically active and to take up walking and cycling which Ḥuḍūraa said would have a positive impact on their mental health and faculties and would also increase their ability to serve the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. [5]

In a virtual meeting with Majlis Anṣārullāh Holland, Ḥuḍūr Aqdasaa asked how many Anṣār members were in Saf Dom and how many owned bicycles. Nā'ib Sadr Saf Dom replied by saying there were 179 Anṣār and 150 of them owned bikes. Ḥuḍūraa instructed, "Ask the others to get bicycles too." He then asked, "whether 150 of the Anṣār actually rode their bicycles, or they just stored them at home." [6]

In a meeting with Majlis Anṣārullāh Germany, Ḥuḍūraa asked how many Anṣār cycled regularly and said that programmes should be made to ensure that members of Anṣārullāh remained as active as they were in Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya. [7]

In a meeting with Majlis Anṣārullāh USA, whilst speaking to Nā'ib Sadr Saf Dom, responsible for Anṣār aged 40 to 54 years, Ḥuḍūraa emphasised the importance of exercise and said that those Anṣār who are part of Saf Dom should exercise regularly and wherever possible, should cycle to work to help reduce pollution. [8]

#### Advice to youth

In a meeting with Ahmadī students Hudūr<sup>aa</sup> said:

"Before people used to have food but would also undertake exercise. Now people only have food and sit in cars. Their pride matches the size of their car — saying see we have this car. They don't think that while they show off sitting in their cars, they are harming their health.

Therefore, there people should take up cycling and exercise. It is difficult to do horse-riding while living cities. At least, increase the amount of cycling as much as possible. Especially if students start cycling then it will lead to many benefits.

These days, I have seen some youth in UK who are very interested in cycling. Some have a craze for it. With cycling they have reduced their weight by 10 to 20 kilograms and have also improved their health." [9]

In a meeting with Nāṣirāt, when asked how important it was for Ahmadī Muslims to fight climate change. Ḥuḍūraa said: "Very important. Try to avoid using your car when travelling a short distance; either walk to that place or use a bicycle. Cycling is also good for your health. Secondly, every Ahmadī should make it a point to plant two trees every year. This is how you can fight climate change" [10]

#### Is cycling dangerous?

Abid Khan Ṣāḥib writes that when he mentioned to Ḥuḍūraa regarding some people's concern about cycling referring to an accident where a member of Ḥuḍūr's security team had been seriously injured while he was out cycling. Some people had mentioned if that created panic in the Qāflā.

Ḥuḍūraa replied: "Why would we panic? Yes, Khan Ṣāḥib broke a few bones but there are so many worse things and more serious accidents that happen every day in the world. When you believe in the power of du'ā (prayer) then there is never

any need for panic because we have complete trust in the Will of Allah the Almighty."

Ḥuḍūr<sup>aa</sup> then spoke about cycling generally. Hudūr<sup>aa</sup> said:

"I remember in Pakistan people often cycled on the highway and even would go in between lorries in desi style! I used to cycle as well, and we cycled last year in Holland. Hence, there is nothing wrong with cycling itself." [11]

# Cycling can open avenues for Tablīgh

A missionary in Ireland asked Ḥuḍūraa that he recently joined a cycling club to better integrate with the locals and establish contacts with the surrounding community in order to open up avenues of Tablīgh. Ḥuḍūraa advised that other youth should also be encouraged to join such clubs where they can integrate with the locals whilst also maintaining their own strength of faith and thus will be able to establish contacts to make people aware of the peaceful message of Islām.<sup>[12]</sup>

# Advice about safety when helping kids to learn to cycle

Abid Khan Ṣāḥib relates that while teaching his son to ride his bike, he took him out on a cycle path near a main road the day after he learnt how to ride. When Ḥuḍūraa was updated of the progress. Ḥuḍūraa said:

"You should not have taken him near the main road so quickly! Rather, he should practice for a week or ten days at least in your private driveway and become more confident before going near the road or other cyclists." [13]

#### **References:**

- 1. Abid Khan's Diary ḤUṇŪR'S TOUR OF HOLLAND AND GERMANY OCTOBER 2015 A personal account, Part 2. <a href="https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Holland-Germany-2015-Part-2.pdf">https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Holland-Germany-2015-Part-2.pdf</a>
- 2. Friday Sermon 22 July 2016. From <a href="http://www.alislam.org/friday-sermon/2016-07-22.html">http://www.alislam.org/friday-sermon/2016-07-22.html</a>
- 3. Ḥuḍūr's tour of Canada, October-Noeveber 2016, Part 1, A personal account. <a href="https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Canada-2016-part-1.pdf">https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Canada-2016-part-1.pdf</a>
- 4. Virtual meeting Majlis Anṣārullāh Bangladesh, 16 Jan 2021. <a href="https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/press-releases/2021/01/majlis-ansarullah-bangladesh-have-honour-of-virtual-meeting-with-world-head-of-Ahmadiyya-muslim-community/">https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/press-releases/2021/01/majlis-ansarullah-bangladesh-have-honour-of-virtual-meeting-with-world-head-of-Ahmadiyya-muslim-community/</a>
- 5. Press release, Virtual Meeting of Majlis Anṣārullāh Switzerland, 21 June 2021. https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/press-releases/2021/06/majlis-ansarullah-switzerland-have-honour-of-a-virtual-meeting-with-world-head-of-Ahmadiyya-muslim-community/
- 6. Virtual Meeting with National Amila Majlis Anṣārullāh Netherlands, 15 Aug 2021. <a href="https://www.alhakam.org/work-for-allah-alone-the-netherlands-ansarullah-amila-members-meet-huzoor-in-virtual-mulaqat/">https://www.alhakam.org/work-for-allah-alone-the-netherlands-ansarullah-amila-members-meet-huzoor-in-virtual-mulaqat/</a>
- 7. Virtual Meeting with National Amila of Majlis Anṣārullāh Germany, 19 September 2021, <a href="https://www.alhakam.org/nations-develop-only-when-they-look-at-their-weaknesses-and-try-to-improve-national-amila-and-regional-heads-of-ansarullah-germany-seek-guidance-from-huzoor/">https://www.alhakam.org/nations-develop-only-when-they-look-at-their-weaknesses-and-try-to-improve-national-amila-and-regional-heads-of-ansarullah-germany-seek-guidance-from-huzoor/</a>
- 8. Virtual Meeting with Majlis Anṣārullāh USA 9 Dec 2021. <u>www.</u> <u>pressAhmadiyya.com/press-releases/2021/12/majlis-Ansarullah-usa-have-honour-of-virtual-meeting-with-world-head-of-Ahmadiyya-muslim-community/</u>

- 9. Frankfurt, Germany: Khalifa of Islam meets Ahmadī Muslim Students on 30 May 2015. <a href="https://youtu.be/SC04kOxgfsY?t=22m30">https://youtu.be/SC04kOxgfsY?t=22m30</a> Also in <a href="https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Germany-2015-part-2.pdf">https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Germany-2015-part-2.pdf</a>
- 10. Virtual Meeting with Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyyat Midlands, UK, 12 Sept 2021. <a href="https://www.alhakam.org/if-you-write-to-me-frequently-then-i-will-remember-you-members-of-nasirat-from-midlands-region-seek-guidance-from-huzoor/">https://www.alhakam.org/if-you-write-to-me-frequently-then-i-will-remember-you-members-of-nasirat-from-midlands-region-seek-guidance-from-huzoor/</a>
- 11. Ḥuḍūr's Tour of Germany, 2016 Part 2. A Personal Account by Abid Khan. https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Germany-2016-Part-2.pdf
- 12. Virtual Meeting with National Amila Ireland Jamā'at 4th Nov 2021 <a href="https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/press-releases/2021/10/national-majlise-amila-in-ireland-have-honour-of-virtual-meeting-with-world-head-of-Ahmadiyya-muslim-community/">https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/press-releases/2021/10/national-majlise-amila-in-ireland-have-honour-of-virtual-meeting-with-world-head-of-Ahmadiyya-muslim-community/</a>
- 13. Advice about safety: <a href="https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/">https://www.pressAhmadiyya.com/</a> personal-accounts/2021/10/transforming-fear-into-peace-the-blessings-of-khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya/

#### **CORRIGENDUM**

Reference List of Ahmadiyya Elementary School Scholarship Winners 2021, published in 1st Quarter 2022 of Nahnu Anṣārullāh.

It may please be noted that Bashir Ahmad is not the name of Father of Sabeeka Tahir, but her guardian's, as recorded in the school office.

Department of Taʻlīm, Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada

# THE IMPORTANCE OF TA'LĪM EXAMINATIONS UNDER Q'IĀDAT TA'LĪM

Khalid Mahmood Sharma - Qā'id Ta'līm

Q'iādat Ta'līm Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada sets the curriculum each year to promote the religious studies and religious knowledge of its Anṣār brothers. This syllabus consists of specific sections of the Holy Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, books of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and sermons of our belvoed Imām<sup>aa</sup>.

Throughout the year, there are four quarterly online educational examinations. For those Anṣār brothers who do not want to take the online examination, there also is a facility to answer the exams in writing. Unfortunately, despite constant reminders from the Q'iādat Ta'līm, internal reviews show that the attention of the Anṣār brothers towards these educational examinations is extremely low.

Q'iādat Ta'līm Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada, through this article, wishes to draw the attention of our respected Anṣār brothers towards these educational examinations in the light of Qur'ānic teachings, instructions of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> and our beloved holy Khulafā.

# The secret of human development is in the pen.

"By the inkstand and by the pen and by that which they write" (Al-Qalam, Chapter 68, Verse – 02)

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV<sup>ra</sup> says in the initial introduction of Surah Al-Oalam:

"this Surah starts with the word "i" which has a meaning of Inkstand, and all those who write

with a pen are in need of it and the period of all human development begins with the kingdom of a pen. If writing is removed from human progress, then man will return to ignorance and then he will never be able to get educational progress." (The Holy Qur'ān Urdu Translation, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV<sup>Ta</sup> Page 1060)

Then in another place, according to the Qur'ānic instruction, the secret of human development has been placed in the pen:

"Convey thou in the name of thy Lord Who created,"

"Who taught man by the pen," (Al-'Alaq, Chapter 96, Verses – 02 and 05)

Then Allah Almighty has taught us this prayer for our intellectual progress.

"but only say, O my Lord, increase me in knowledge." (Taha, Chapter 20, Verse -115)

#### A Prophecy of the Promised Messiahas

The main purpose of Q'iādat Ta'līm is to motivate the members of the Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada to acquire knowledge and cognition, and strive for the acquisition of religious education, and to keep an eye on the development of their academic standards. In this regard, the Anṣār brothers must keep in mind the following prophecy of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup>.

The Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> said: "God has informed me again and again that He will grant me great glory

and will instill my love in people's hearts. He shall spread my Movement all over the world and shall make my sect triumphant over all other sects. The members of my sect shall so excel in knowledge and insight that they will confound everyone with the light of their truth, and by dint of their arguments and signs. Every nation will drink from this fountain, and this Movement will spread and blossom until it rapidly encompasses the entire world. (Divine Manifestations, Spiritual Treasures, Volume 20, Page 409)

## The Promised Messiah and importance of Ta'līm exams

The Promised Messiah<sup>35</sup> wished that Jamā'at individuals should specialize in religious knowledge and then have their exams so that their standard of knowledge could be assessed.

Promised Messiahas writes: The "Since it has been deemed necessary that at least one hundred men in our Jamā'at should be so virtuous and perfected as to show the signs and proofs of this Jamā'at the signs and claims and the undeniable proofs which have been revealed by God Almighty, let them all know. Therefore, for all these matters, it has been decided that attention should be paid to all the wordy and knowledgeable and smart and wise people of this Jamā'at that they should look at the books by December 24, 1901, and get ready for this exam. Arrive at Qādiān during the next December holidays and take a written test in the abovementioned matters." [September 9, 1901. with reference to Majm'uah Ishtaharāt, Volume III, Pages 429-430 (1989 Edition)]

In the same context, the Promised Messiahas further states:

"At the end of December, the exam for members is proposed, people should not consider it a trivial matter, and no one should avoid it with a simple excuse. This is a great thing and people should be specially prepared for it." (Zikr Habīb; Page: 28)

Then the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> draws the attention of the Jamā'at towards understanding the religious knowledge and says:

"Our Jamā'at should create un understanding in the education of religion. We mean that they should meditate on Qur'ānic verses and Prophetic Ḥadīth and ponder on my teachings, be aware of the Qur'ānic teachings and facts. If an opponent objects to them, they can give him a fair answer. Once the examination is suggested, it's very important. It must be arranged." (Malfuṣāt Volume V Page 212-211)

#### An instruction of Ḥaḍrat Musleh Mau'ūd<sup>ra</sup> about learning religious education

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Masīḥ II<sup>ra</sup> says:

"These three Majālis should try to make the faith of Unseen like a nail in the heart of every Ahmadī in such a way that his every thought, every word and every action is subject to it. This faith cannot be attained without the knowledge of the Holy Qur'an. Those who are influenced by the lies and deceptions of the philosophers and neglect to acquire the knowledge of the Holy Qur'an can never do anything. Therefore, it is the duty of the Majālis Ansārullāh, Khuddāmul Aḥmadiyya and Lajna Imāillāh that they should have the policy to create these things within the nation and keep

striving for it by all possible means. Things should be inculcated in the hearts through lectures, lessons and repeated examinations and the books of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> should be read again and again. (the Jalsa Sālāna, December 27, 1941, Sabīl-ur-Rishād, Part I, Pages 58-59)

#### If one's heart is not in the quest of knowledge; all external efforts are futile

Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh III(ra) said:

"But those to whom I am addressing are Aţfālul Aḥmadiyya and youth, the children of the age of Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya or whom I would call children or young. There are two kinds of children: one is born in an Ahmadī family and then this child passes through his age to become a Tifl, which is our system, reaches Atfāl at the age of seven. Then he comes out of it, and he reaches the age group of Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya. Then he comes out of it, and reaches the age of Ansārullāh. There are many even among Anşār who do not know these things." (Sabīl-ur-Rishād, Part II, pages 356-357, Khutbāt Nāṣir Vol. II Page 59)

#### Let every Nāṣir become a mentor in his own self and examine the weakness of his religious knowledge

Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV $^{\text{aa}}$  once stated:

"It is not necessary that the people who gain and excel in religious knowledge are graduated from a religious school (Jāmi'a). I personally know many Ahmadīs who acquired knowledge with their own efforts, because their heart was not at rest. They knew that (being Ahmadī) the status that they had acquired demanded

more knowledge and they felt behind in that. Therefore, this quest made them to strive more for knowledge, they put in more effort, started studying, removed knowledge weaknesses. If they were weak at religious arguments, they strengthened that area. In essence, a knowledge seeker is born in one's heart first, it is then a person gains knowledge and learns more. If one's heart is not in the quest of knowledge, then all external efforts are futile." (Sabīl-ur-Rishād, Part III, Page: 266)

# Instruction to Q'iādat Ta'līm about reading books and exams

On Tuesday, July 5, 2005, during a meeting with members of the National Majlis 'Āmila Anṣārullāh Canada, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Vaa instructed the Qā'id Ta'līm:

"Include the Majlis 'Āmila in reading books and in examinations and keep taking reports from them that how many pages they have studied. purpose is to continue getting a share of the treasures in the books of the Promised Messiah\*\*." Sabīl-ur-Rishād, Part IV, page 93, Al-Fazl International August 19, 2005)

During a meeting of the members of the Majlis 'Āmila Anṣārullāh Germany on September 3, 2005, Ḥuḍūr Anwar<sup>aba</sup> instructed the Qā'id Ta'līm:

"Also check out the members who have read this book. On the central level, take exams from Anṣār all over the country, give a few pages of a book. Of course, solve it by looking at the book. Do this thing, this is a big job". (Sabīl-ur-Rishād, Part IV page-98).

#### Call for Action

Presented excerpts from the writings of the Promised Messiah<sup>185</sup>, and his holy Caliphs are enough to understand the importance of the quarterly exams. The department of Taʻlīm, Majlis Anṣārullāh, adhering to guidance provided by Syedna Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ<sup>186</sup>, works hard to prepare the Syllabus and Examination for Anṣār brothers. All what an online quarterly exam takes is a few minutes in a quarter. It is, therefore, humbly requested to turn attention towards these exams. Remember, by attempting to these examinations, we all will be fulfilling the wish and will of the Promised Messiah<sup>186</sup> and his holy Caliphs, and in return, we would also be able to educate and train our next generation which is an important obligation upon all of us.

May Allah the Exalted enable us to carry out our responsibilities as per His will. Āmīn



77

By offering Ṣalāt on time and in congregation, and by spending in the cause of Allah and helping the needy, we can establish ourselves upon the correct religion. Thus, we can incorporate the teachings into our lives and enforce them in our conduct; and when we worship Allah and act upon His teachings, Allah the Almighty will give us the ability to do so. He will strengthen our faith to such an extent that ourselves, our ambitions, and our children will all appear insignificant in comparison to our faith. So, when everything will be purely for Allah the Almighty, and nothing will be considered our own possession, then Allah will not let us go to waste. He guards the honour, protects the children, and puts His blessings on such people. He enlarges their possessions, always keeps them wrapped in His Mercy and Favour, and removes all their fears.

#### His Holiness Ḥaḍrat Mirzā Masroor Ahmad, Khalīfatul Masīḥ V<sup>aa</sup>

Excerpts from the Friday Sermon, August 21, 2003

### REPORT – VIRTUAL JALSA KHILĀFAT

Jalsa Khilāfat Committee

By the sheer grace of Allah the Exalted and with the permission of our beloved Ḥuḍūr<sup>aa</sup>, Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada held the Virtual Jalsa Khilāfat on May 08, 2022. A Committee, comprised of the following five teams, was constituted to execute of the event:

#### **In-Charge:**

Nasir Mahmood Ahmad Ṣāḥib – Nā'ib Sadr

#### **Video Recording:**

Dawood Ismail Ṣāḥib – Naid Qā'id 'Umūmī Tariq Mehmood Ṣāḥib

#### Program:

Missionary Sohail Ahmad Saqib Ṣāḥib – Qā'id Ta'līmul Qur'ān Missionary Ghulam Misbah Balouch Ṣāḥib – Nā'ib Sadr, Saf Dom Kaleem Ahmad Ṣāḥib – Qā'id Tarbiyat

#### **Publicity:**

Mirza Waqas Ahmad Ṣāḥib — Additional Qaid Taʻlīm Farooq Shahzad Ṣāḥib — Qāʾid Waqf Jadīd

#### **Technical Assistance:**

Fakhar Chugtai Ṣāḥib – Additional Qā'id 'Umūmī Nasiruddin Iqbal Ṣāḥib

The teams met regularly to finalize and plan execution of the virtual program. It was decided to pre-record some segments of the program at the MTA studios with the help of MTA professionals. Similarly, the audio recordings of selected excerpts from the writings of the Khulafā of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> were prerecorded prior to the actual program and slides were added as visuals.

The Virtual Jalsa Khilāfat program was presided by Respected Lal Khan Malik Ṣāḥib, the National Amīr of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at Canada.

The proceedings of the Virtual Jalsa began with the recitation from the Holy Qur'ān, followed by the English and Urdu Translations. The next were the Ḥadīth with English and Urdu translation, and an excerpt from the writings of the Promised Messiah<sup>as</sup> with English translation.

The first speech was delivered by Respected Abdul Rashid Anwar Ṣāḥib, Missionary In-Charge, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at Canada on the topic of "Khalifa is appointed by God". He presented his topic effectively with deeply inspiring and extremely convincing arguments taken from the holy Qur'ān, Ahadīth, writings of the Promised Messiahas and his holy Khulafā.

Throughout the Jalsa, segments including the selected writings of the Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Ira and Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IIra, were displayed as slides, and video clips of Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ IVra and Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ Vaa with translations were shown. Respected Hadi Ali Choudhry Ṣāḥib, Nā'ib Amīr, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at Canada shared his personal experiences in the blessed company of

Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ II<sup>ra</sup>, Ḥadrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III<sup>ra</sup> and Khalīfatul Masīḥ IV<sup>ra</sup> in a captivating manner. In between the speeches, a poem was recited by Mubashir Ahmad Ṣāḥib with running English translation shown on the screen. The concluding speech of the Jalsa was delivered by the National Amīr, Lal Khan Malik Ṣāḥib. His was in English and on a very relevant topic of "Importance of Khilāfat in Present Times".

Towards the end, respected Abdul Hameed Waraich Ṣāḥib, Sadr Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada thanked the speakers, audience and all the individuals who worked tirelessly to make the Virtual Jalsa Khilāfat a success. The Jalsa Khilāfat ended with a silent prayer led by the Respected Amīr Ṣāḥib.

This virtual Jalsa was watched by over 4000 people on the YouTube. The recording of the Jalsa can still be found on the official YouTube Channel of Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5nUGYgvNxg

# Write for Nahnu Anşārullāh!

Nahnu Anṣārullāh is the magazine of Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada. We need Anṣār brothers to write for it. You can write any Articles or Poems in English, Urdu, French and Arabic and send them for publishing through your Muntazim Ishā'at or through email to **ishaat@ansar.ca**.

#### **REPORT - REFRESHER COURSE 2022**

Department of 'Umūmī

#### **Summary:**

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, with the start of new Anṣārullāh year, Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada successfully conducted various sessions of Refresher courses in the month of January 2022. Like the last year, due to pandemic restrictions, the refresher courses were conducted online through Zoom Meeting platform by forming groups of 1 to 3 regions each. All sessions were presided by the Respected Sadr Majlis Anṣārullāh Canada and attended by all 'Āmila members at the National, Regional and Local levels. For records and reference, a schedule of sessions has been included in this report.

#### **Contents of the Refresher Course:**

The Refresher Course package was prepared by Qiadat Umumi in an electronic booklet form and distributed to the participants in advance of the sessions. The package (booklet) was titled as "Plan 2022 (Laiah Amal)". Following topics were included in the booklet:

Α	Pledge of Anşārullāh		
	-		
В	Duties of Office Bearers		
С	2022 Calendar of Events		
D	Majālis Alm-e-Inami Qualification Criteria for 2022		
E	Regional Targets for 2022		
F	National Majlis 'Āmila Anşārullāh Canada 2022		
G	Regional Nāzimeen-e-A'lā 2022		
Н	Regions and Majālis Structure 2022		
ı	Monthly Individual Report (Sa`iq) Form		
J	Māl [Expense Budget Template / Anṣārullāh Donation Rates]		
К	Taʻlīm Plan 2022 [Taʻlīm Exam and Ijtimāʻ Syllabus] and Memorandum		
L	Tajnid Policy 2022 and Memorandum		
М	Departmental Plans		
N	Shūrā Proposals of 2019 and 2021		
0	Sohbat-e-Salaiheen Program Guidelines		
Р	Memorandum and Guidelines for Conducting Ijlās 'Ām		

Note: The Plan 2022 (Laiah Amal) booklet has also been uploaded to the ansar.ca website.

#### **Schedule:**

Session No.	Regions	No. of Maialis	Total Participants Invited
1	Toronto	8	157
2	British Columbia, Calgary, Prairies	24	341
3	Brampton East, Halton & Niagara, Mississauga	19	228
4	Northern Ontario, Peace Village Muqami, Vaughan	19	230
5	Eastern Canada, Western Ontario	15	235
6	Atlantic Canada, Brampton West, Toronto West	23	343

#### **Sessions Proceedings:**

All the sessions were conducted in the same pattern. Each session started with the recitation of selected portion of Holy Qur'ān with translations in English and Urdu (Surah Al-An'am – Verses 163 to 165) and silent prayers. Additional Qā'id 'Umūmī provided an overview of the Plan 2022 (Lāi'h 'Amal) highlighting the key points. Respected Sadr Majlis addressed the participants with his opening remarks highlighting the importance of some key Tarbiyat matters. Subsequently, the participants moved to departmental breakout-rooms in which each National Qā'id conducted an interactive session with their regional and local counterparts (Nāzimīn and Muntazimīn respectively). Sadr Majlis conducted a separate breakout-room for Zu'ama' and Regional Nazimīn A'lā, along with Nā'ib and Mu'āwin Sadrān. After approximately an hour's session in the breakout-rooms, all participants rejoined the main meeting session where respected Sadr Majlis opened the meeting forum for questions. Several questions were asked by the participants which were duly answered either by the respected Sadr Ṣāḥib or a national Qā'id. The sessions were ended with closing remarks by respected Sadr Ṣāḥib and silent prayers.

